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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS TEXT OF JULY 10 TASS WASHINGTON REPORT ON PRESS DELEGATION VISIT TO PEKING ENTITLED: A DANGEROUS GAME, WHICH APPEARED IN JULY 11 IZVESTIYA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA. ARTICLE REPEATS SUBSTANCE OF JULY 6 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ARTICLE (REPORTED REFTEL) THAT U.S. "PLAYING ITS CHINA CARD" SMACKS OF ANTI-SOVIETISM, AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE PRC ACCESS TO WESTERN MILITARY TECHNOLOGY. SAME ISSUE OF BOTH PAPERS CARRIES TASS ITEM FROM TOKYO CITING JAPANESE NEWS REPORT THAT U.S. DELEGATION HAD DISCUSSED WITH CHINESE SALE OF MILITARY AND SPY SATELLITES, DOCUMENTATION OF MISSILE PRODUCTION, AND A NUCLEAR REACTOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: SOVIETS HAVE ONLY MENTIONED PRESS VISIT TWICE IN THE COURSE OF SCICOUNS DISCUSSIONS AT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND SCST. FIRST ITEM WAS DURING MEETING WITH SCST AMERICAN SECTION CHIEF AYKAZYAN, WHO ASKED WHETHER DR. PRESS HAD ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION OF HIS SOVIET VISIT FROM

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PEKING, TO WHICH SCICOUNS REPLIED NO. DURING MEETING
AT INTERCOSMOS, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN VERESHCHETIN COMMENTED
ON THE APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN PRESS CANCELLING
USSR VISIT BECAUSE OF TRIALS OF SHCHARANSKIY AND
GINZBURG, AND TRAVELLING TO PEKING, WHERE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION WAS CERTAINLY NOT IDEAL. SOVIET
PRESS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS NOT REPORTED CAN-
CELLATION. END COMMENT. MATLOCK

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